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I. Brandenburg --- a) 850-rolling mill: 1) Completion of the assembly of the first structure on 15 December 1951. The second and third structures are to be completed by the end of the first quarter 1952. 2) AEG (German General Electrical Works) cannot deliver a twin-motor unit for a 1050-rolling mill before the end of March 1952; it will not be possible to install a motor for the 850-rolling mill before the end of May 1952. Efforts must be made to speed up delivery of the first motor by postponing delivery of the second motor. 500,000 DM down payment was made on the contract. 3) At the same time, a 3,000-kilowatt motor for the 850-rolling mill was ordered from the Sachsen Works [Niedersedlitz ?]. Earliest delivery by the end of September [1952 ?]; ready for operation by the end of October. A second motor of the same type probably will not be ready for delivery until the third quarter of 1953. 4 a) Steam engine Ilseburg: the first motor unit is supposed to be delivered by the end of October 1951, the second by 15 December 1951. The steam engine will remain in Ilseburg for half a year after installation of the motor. b) 1050-rolling mill: Delivery deadline for the mechanical part is the third quarter of 1953 (from the Ernst Thaelmann Works). The motor unit from AEG will be delivered as under 2 above. A twin-motor unit was also ordered from the Sachsen Works; however, Weissen-see has not approved this order. The motor could be delivered by the end of 1953. c) Continuous rolling mill for billets and semifinished products: It must be investigated whether a contract was concluded with Schloemann; how far Schloemann has progressed on the rolling mill; and whether it serves any good purpose to continue the work. At the same time an order was placed with the Ernst Thaelmann Works but it has not been confirmed. Delivery: not before the end of 1952. The question of the motor unit from the Sachsen Works has not been fully cleared up. If the other orders placed with the Sachsen Works must be filled, the Sachsen Works probably will not be able to produce this item before the end of 1953.

II. Doehlen --- 650-rolling mill: a) The mechanical part cannot be delivered before 30 June 1952. b) The motor unit for the 650-rolling mill was ordered from the Sachsen Works. Delivery: by the end of the third quarter [1952?]. c) The possibility of operating the 650-rolling mill by steam engine (from the Ilseburg plant) should be investigated; if it would be feasible to use the steam engine there, the Sachsen Works might give preference to the production of the 1050-rolling mill for Brandenburg.

III. Riesa --- 850-rolling mill: a) The mechanical part was completed by Demag. b) The motor equipment was ordered from Siemens; no down payment has been made as yet. Delivery cannot be made sooner than 8 months after the conclusion of the interzonal trade agreement; not before the end of April [1952?]. A parallel order was placed with the Sachsen Works; however, delivery cannot be made before 1953.

The iron industry division, in cooperation with Mr Wizenez, should work out proposals for temporary solutions to the problems, possibly through other combinations of rolling mills and motor units, in order to achieve operation of the above-mentioned rolling mills at the earliest date possible.

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